

AMENDED CLAIMS

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18. (Added) A mechanism according to claim 17, wherein
different main load transmitting regions are provided
depending on the magnitude of a load applied to an area
where said shaft tooth section (22) and said hub tooth
section (28) mesh with each other.

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19. (Added) A mechanism according to claim 18, wherein
the magnitude of the load selectively represents a low load,
a medium load, and a high load, and said main load
transmitting regions (a, b, c) for transmitting the low
load, the medium load, and the high load, respectively, are
established successively in a direction from a crowning top
(P0) of crowned peak (22a) toward said shaft shank (24).

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